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AN INSANE FIREBUG.

He Endeavors to Destroy the Asylum Buildings at Matteawan.

STARTED HALF A DOZEN FIRES.

The Pyromaniac Is Doing a Life Sentence for Burglary and Arson—Insane Patients Worked Heroically to Save the Buildings from Destruction.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Jan. 25.—C. S. Mitchell, a patient at the Matteawan hospital for the criminal insane, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, set fire to that institution in five different places and for a few hours the buildings were threatened with destruction. Fire was at first discovered in the cellar under the kitchen, which is some distance from where the patients are confined. No sooner was the effort made to extinguish the flames than it was discovered that the north wing was also ablaze, directly under where over a hundred patients were located in the wards. Smoke was fast filling the buildings and the patients were terror-stricken, especially the women.

The pyromaniac had made the most careful preparations for the firing of the building, as small piles of shavings were found so systematically distributed as to have enveloped the whole north wing in flames had a few minutes time been lost after the first discovery of the blaze. Meanwhile half a dozen scattering blazes were discovered in various sections of the asylum, and soon the fires were beyond the control of the hospital attendants, even with their excellent facilities in an emergency of that kind and help was summoned from Fishkill Landing, about two miles distant. The Beacon and Tompkins House companies arrived in a short time, and it took the combined forces of the hospital attendants and the others until 7 o'clock last evening to get the fire past the danger point.

The men patients, a dozen or more of whom had every opportunity of escape, worked heroically, and it was due in some instances to their exertions that the terror-stricken patients were assisted to a place of safety. Dr. Allison, the superintendent, says the men patients throughout the building acted in a manner so cool and courageous as to astonish the doctors, who at first feared a panic among the insane, with all of its terrible consequences.

The building under which Mitchell started the first blaze, and near by which he was captured soon afterwards in a high state of excitement, was not damaged to any great extent. It is a fireproof building, and had the incendiary been satisfied with starting a blaze in this place the patients in the wards would have known nothing of the matter. But immediately after having performed this piece of work he started off on the rounds of the north wing, which he had encircled with inflammable material, and applied the match as he went. It was having to combat conflagrations that seemed to spring up in every direction that caused the hospital people so much anxiety and alarm.

Mitchell was committed to the Auburn state prison twelve years ago from Oneida county for burglary in the first degree. About six years ago he started a fire in Auburn prison, and shortly afterwards was declared insane and committed to the asylum.

Carded \$15,000 for Slander.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—A sheriff's jury presided over by Sheriff Tammam heard testimony yesterday in the action of David Gideon to recover \$50,000 damages from Philip J. Dwyer, president of the Coney Island Jockey club, for alleged slander. When the action was called for trial Gideon recovered judgment by default and the proceedings were to assess the amount of damages. The trouble grew out of the charge made by Gideon that Banquet's rider had hit Ramapo over the head with a whip. After the race Gideon said that he was in the open stand in front of the club house and that there were seventy-five persons present when Dwyer insulted him. The jury found for Gideon in the sum of \$15,000. He said subsequently that he would devote every penny of the sum to charity. Mr. Dwyer will, however, appeal the case.

Stuart's Fistic Tournament.

EL PASO, TEX., Jan. 25.—The program for Stuart's fistic tournament has been completed, as follows: Feb. 11, Maher vs. Fitzsimmons, purse \$10,000 and heavy-weight championship of the world; Feb. 15, Bright Eyes vs. Walcott, purse \$3,500 and welterweight championship of the world; Feb. 16, Jack Everhardt vs. Horace Leeds, purse \$3,500 and lightweight championship of America; Feb. 17, George Dixon vs. Jerry Marshall, purse \$3,000 and featherweight championship of the world; Feb. 18, Jimmy Barry vs. Johnny Murphy, purse \$2,500 and bantamweight championship of the world. United States Attorney General Harmon has written the El Paso minister's union that he has notified the New Mexico authorities to act in the prize fight matter as their best judgment dictates.

NEW FIELD FOR COMMERCE.

China Agrees to Open the West River Under Certain Conditions.

PEKIN, Jan. 25.—The government has agreed to open the West river provided China is allowed to retain the territory ceded under the Burmah-China convention in 1894.

The opening of two ports on the West or Si-Kiang river, namely Shao-King and Wu-Chow, was stipulated for by the Japanese as part of the terms of peace. The cities of Canton and Hong Kong are situated on the bay in which the West river empties. The news that the West is to be opened to foreign trade occasioned no small amount of satisfaction in Hong Kong. The trade of the rich province of Yunnan had begun to be diverted by the activity of the French in Tonquin from its natural channel down this river.

The river traverses one of the richest and most densely populated portions of south China, and the Chinese have long guarded it against the entrance of foreign commerce with a sort of superstitious reverence. The territory on the Mekong which has recently been acquired by France from China by treaty opens up another route to a part of this rich country, including the tea districts. France's success in securing this territory was a part of the situation in the far east which has been most trying to Great Britain since the decline of her diplomatic prestige with the Chinese-Japanese war.

Great Britain claimed that the territory acquired by France included parts of what were British Burmah, but had been ceded by Great Britain to China, with the proviso that China should not alienate this territory to another power without the consent of Great Britain. China, on the other hand, relinquished certain territory to Great Britain.

Within a few weeks again it was reported as a set-off to the Chinese concessions to France, that Great Britain had procured the assent of China to the cession to Great Britain of four states in the Burmah-Chinese frontier, giving British trade direct access to southern China. Presumably China is now endeavoring to terminate these encroachments on her southwestern frontier by agreeing to open the West river to commerce.

Miss Barton Will Distribute Relief.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Owing to the energetic representations of United States Minister Terrell, Miss Barton and her party will be permitted by the Turkish government to distribute relief to the distressed Armenians, although the Red Cross itself will not figure in the work. This news came to the state department in a cablegram from the minister to Secretary Olney, in which he says that while the porte refuses such permission to the Red Cross, or to the members of the Red Cross as such, it will permit any person whom the minister names and approves to distribute relief in the interior of Turkey, provided the Turkish authorities are kept informed of what they are doing.

The Trial of Captain Healy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—At the court martial of Captain Healy, of the revenue cutter Bear, charged with drunkenness and unofficer-like conduct, Lieutenant Ross of the Corwin, told how the crews of the different cutters at Unalakleet were invited last September to a "whisky and tobacco soiree" on board the British ship Peasant. As Healy was returning home from the festivity he was so overcome that he walked over the edge of the wharf, thinking it was his bunk. The defense vainly tried to prove that the captain was the victim of a conspiracy on the part of the younger officers.

A Probable Presidential Nominee.

LITTLE ROCK, Jan. 25.—The Arkansas Populists who attended the recent national committee meeting of the party at St. Louis returned with some interesting information, which they are imparting to their brethren throughout the state. This intelligence is to the effect that the western Populist leaders have centered upon Judge Henry C. Caldwell, formerly of Little Rock, as the man whom they will nominate for the presidency at the convention to be held in St. Louis on July 22. They say there can be no doubt of Judge Caldwell's nomination.

Electric Car and Locomotive Collide.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 25.—An electric car on the Knoxville street railway, and a switch engine of the Southern railway collided at Asylum street crossing yesterday. Several persons were injured, two perhaps fatally. The injured are Mrs. T. E. Davis, Mrs. Gorton, Mrs. Mendes, Miss Anderson, Conductor Branch, Motorman Monday and extra Motorman Kewal. The car was completely demolished. It was going down a steep grade and the motorman was unable to stop it.

Senators Favor the Davis Resolution.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Senator Lodge has made a canvass of the senate on the Davis resolution affirming the Monroe doctrine, and says he has not been able to find more than eight votes that will be cast against it. He says there are a large number of speeches to be made on the subject, and that it is too early to say when the vote will be taken, but that the debate will be pressed along rapidly after the bond bill has been disposed of.

"Grave Dangers Still Surround Us."

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The Chronicle this morning has a mysterious editorial assuming that the Venezuela difficulty will be surmounted, but it expresses the belief that grave dangers still surround the future relations of England and the United States. The Chronicle is apparently influenced by a fear that the settlement of the dispute will nullify the effect of its special agitation in favor of a permanent court of arbitration.

Big Cotton Factory Destroyed by Fire.

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 25.—The large cotton factory lately operated by H. S. Shirk & Co., but for some months past in the hands of assignees and not in operation, was completely destroyed by fire after midnight. The building was stored with valuable machinery and manufactured stock, none of which was saved. Loss is over \$50,000.

THE TURKISH OUTRAGES.

The Senate Passes Resolutions Urging Decisive Action.

SUPPORT OF CONGRESS PLEDGED

To the President in the Most Vigorous Action He May Take for the Protection of American Citizens in the Sultan's Domains.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—After a brief but stirring debate the senate yesterday agreed to the concurrent resolution urging decisive action by the European powers against Turkey, and pledging to the president the support of congress in the most vigorous action he may take for the protection of American citizens in Turkey. Mr. Callom, of Illinois, who reported the resolution, urged its adoption in a speech which set forth the startling extent of the massacres, the greatest in the history of the world, the senator said. Mr. Blanchard, of Louisiana, spoke in the same line. The climax of the debate was reached when Mr. Frye, of Maine, supported the resolution in a speech which aroused great enthusiasm from the galleries for its expressions of sympathy with the Armenians and for its bitter arraignment of Great Britain's course towards America. The following is the essential feature of the resolution:

That it is an imperative duty, in the interest of humanity, to express the earnest hope that the European concert brought about by the Berlin treaty may speedily be given its just effect in such decisive measures as shall stay the hand of fanaticism and lawless violence, and as shall secure to the unoffending Christians of the Turkish empire all the rights belonging to them, both as men and Christians, and as beneficiaries of the explicit provisions of the treaty above recited.

Resolved, That the president be requested to communicate these resolutions to the government of Great Britain, Germany, Italy and Russia.

Resolved, That the senate of the United States, the house of representatives concurring, will support the president in the most vigorous action he may take for the protection and security of American citizens in Turkey and to obtain redress for injuries committed upon the persons of such citizens.

Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, gave notice that on Thursday next he would ask the senate to sit until a vote was taken on the silver bond bill. Mr. Baker, of Kansas, spoke for an hour on limiting the pending silver coinage substitute to the silver of American mines.

There were no important incidents at the night session of the house, which was devoted to the consideration of private pension bills. About twelve bills were passed, among them one to pension the widow of the late General William Cogswell, of Massachusetts, at \$75 per month. This bill has passed the senate.

THAT REPORTED ALLIANCE.

Despite Official Denials, It Is Believed a Treaty Has Been Concluded.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—In spite of the denials, official and semi-official, that have been made from many quarters, the report of the offensive and defensive alliance between Russia and Turkey which was printed by The Pall Mall Gazette on Thursday is not viewed with entire incredulity. Special dispatches published by the London newspapers this morning from the European capitals, notably from Berlin, Paris and Vienna, show a tendency to admit the possibility that a Russo-Turkish treaty has been concluded.

It is pointed out with obvious plausibility that Turkey's impetuosity may have driven her to seek an alliance as a means of obtaining a loan, as was the case recently with China. If such a treaty has, in fact, been concluded it is certain that the fact will be kept secret until the last moment. So far there has been no authentic confirmation of the report from any quarter.

Murdered by Highwaymen.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 25.—Webster Groves is wildly excited over the tragedy of Thursday night, when B. B. Brown, E. Atwater, a young Chicago artist who had gone to the suburb to visit his betrothed, was waylaid by highwaymen. One of the robbers, John Smith, wounded by the plucky Chicagoan, will probably die. Sam Foster, colored, ex-convict, who fired the fatal shot, and Peter Smith, who arranged the trap into which Mr. Atwater was unsuspectingly lured and then slain, are in custody. Both the Smiths, who are cousins, have confessed as to the part taken by each in the crime. Genevieve Orton, Atwater's fiancée, is almost prostrated with grief. The wedding is said to have been set for an early date.

A Whole Family Drowned.

PORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 25.—News has reached here of the drowning of an entire family in Prairie Dog fork of the Red river in Randall county. Joe Wicker, wife and two children attempted to ford the stream in a covered wagon, but were thrown out. The father attempted to swim ashore with one child on his back, but he sunk to the bottom, and both he and the child were drowned. The mother and other child remained in the wagon until it was overturned, and both were drowned.

A Corner in Raisins.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—There is a good deal of talk among the west side fruit men about a corner in raisins. Some of the largest handlers of raisins have been taking all of the loose muscatels that they could gather in, and it is supposed that their purpose has been to corner the market, as they are not offering the fruit freely in the public market.

Bringing Home Their Dead.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. John W. Mackay sailed today for the United States accompanying the remains of their son, John W. Mackay, Jr., which are to be buried there.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY OF THE SEA.

Six Killed in a Mutiny on the American Schooner Maria.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—Particulars of the mutiny off the Andrew islands on board the trading schooner Maria, Captain Brown, have just been received in this city. Captain Brown, Mate Hermann Hohmann and a passenger were murdered in cold blood by the crew, and Mrs. Brown and her son nearly killed by blows from an ax. After killing the captain, mate and the passenger the schooner was headed for the Andrew islands, and Mrs. Brown and her boy were kept close prisoners, it being the intention of the mutineers to put them ashore on an isolated coral reef near Andrew Island.

Before the island was reached the Chinese cooks, native sailors and boat sailer got to fighting among themselves, and knives were drawn. Two half breeds were killed instantly and another died of wounds received. All the mutineers were more or less wounded.

Provisions gave out, and when cruising off the Andrew islands the schooner was manned solely by the boatswain, two Chinese and a half breed. The schooner was steered into port and the king of the islands gave the murderers food enough to last them several days. Before the vessel sailed again, however, the king became suspicious, boarded the craft, rescued Mrs. Brown and her boy and took the mutineers prisoners.

The Spanish gunboat Tulasei put in at Andrew Island and took the murderers to Manila for trial.

Mysterious Disappearance of a Fortune.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 25.—A strange story is made public of the loss of \$180,000 of a special fund deposited by President Charles Fleischmann, of the Market National bank of this city, in the vault in care of Cashier S. W. Ramp, to be kept as a special reserve during the panicky summer of 1893, and only to be used in case of absolute necessity by the bank. Not long afterwards Ramp went to Fleischmann's attorney and confessed that he had spent the entire sum in gambling in stocks, racing, etc. Fleischmann, to save the credit of the bank, kept the story quiet and arranged to have Ramp elected to the state senate as an excuse for severing his connection with the bank. What arrangement, if any, Ramp made to repay the money is not yet known, but Fleischmann says Ramp does not owe him a dollar.

Cut Off the Reporters' Hands.

ROME, Jan. 25.—Advices from Massowah state that the Shoons, who are investing the Italian fortress, have redoubled their vigilance to prevent the Italians from sending out any news. The Shoons have cut off the hands of three reporters whom they captured, and they also captured and shot a messenger who was endeavoring to get into the Italian fortress to carry the news to Major Galliano, the commandant, of his promotion to the rank of colonel.

Fighting a Philanthropist's Will.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 25.—Yale university, the General Hospital Society of New Haven and two local orphan asylums may never get the \$83,000 granted them by the supreme court as beneficiaries of the will of the late Philip Barrett. Counsel for the state of Connecticut appeared in the supreme court yesterday and gave notice that application is to be filed next Friday for an injunction restraining the trustees of the estate from paying the beneficiaries.

Colonel Crofton Refuses to Retire.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—An autograph letter has been sent to Colonel B. E. Crofton, United States army, from Secretary Lamont, requesting him to apply for retirement on the ground that the many scandals in his regiment have indicated a lack of discipline in the regiment. The president is very much aggrieved and would be gratified if Colonel Crofton will retire. Colonel Crofton has decided to refuse to retire.

Dail for Hammond Still Refused.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—A dispatch to the Times from Pretoria says that all the prisoners held there on a charge of complicity in the recent uprising, except Messrs. Phillips, Rhodes, Farar, Hammond and Fitzpatrick, will be released on bail today and their preliminary examination will probably be held on Wednesday, after which it is believed the bulk of the prisoners will be discharged.

Governor Hastings Back Again.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 25.—Governor Hastings and party arrived in Harrisburg from their trip to the south and southwest. All are in excellent health. The governor seems robust and undoubtedly has recovered his vigor.

Two Thousand Armenians Slain.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—A Constantinople dispatch to The Chronicle says that letters received there from Arabkir report that 2,000 Armenians were killed in the recent riot, the slaughter being mostly done with axes and choppers.

NUGGETS OF NEWS.

A dispatch from Brussels announces that the queen of the Belgians is seriously ill.

In Kentucky's senatorial deadlock Dr. W. G. Hunter, Republican, again came within one vote of election yesterday.

Mrs. Lease, the Kansas woman suffragist who is on a lecturing tour, is seriously ill with pneumonia at Winona, Minn.

Tracy Turnerelli, the originator of the movement to present a golden wreath to Lord Beaconsfield after the signature of the Berlin treaty, died in London yesterday.

M. Olsen, inventor of the grip for cable cars and many other valuable street railway equipments which he never patented, was adjudged insane in a Chicago court yesterday.

Abram Primmer died yesterday at his farm on the Rappahannock river, in Virginia, aged 83 years. He was a member of the New York legislature with Samuel J. Tilden.

The council of supreme officers of the Knights of Pythias is in session at Cincinnati to consider a proposition to change the place of holding the biennial encampment from Minneapolis to such other city as may be selected.

INSURGENTS' TACTICS.

Small Engagements with Spanish Troops in All Directions.

MATANZAS' WATER WORKS BURNED

A Most Effective Stroke in the War for Cuban Independence—General Gomez, Commander of the Patriot Forces, Said to be Dying with Consumption.

HAVANA, Jan. 25.—Reports continue to be received of small engagements with the insurgents in all directions, indicating that they are no longer united in a main body, but are broken up into small parties, confident of their ability to evade any Spanish force that they are not strong enough to oppose. The leader Fructuoso Miranda is reported to have been killed at Conzojas, in Matanzas.

The important town of Sabanalila, on the railroad south of Matanzas, has been attacked by insurgents. No details are given of the damage done to property, nor are claims stated as to the successful resistance, but it is said that three of the volunteer soldiers were killed and ten of the civil guard were wounded. The insurgents are said to have lost seventeen killed.

The official report of an encounter had by General Prat with the bands of Nunez on Thursday says that the insurgents were dispersed after having killed four of the troops and wounded seven. The insurgents, on the other hand, left three dead and carried away the rest.

Colonel Aldecoa reports an engagement yesterday with the bands of Rafael Cardenas, who retreated towards Triunvirato, Matanzas, leaving four killed and three wounded.

The insurgents have plundered the stores in the village of Baja, Pinar del Rio. A rapid fire gun on the gunboat Flecha was brought into play and did good service in dispersing the insurgents.

The greatest activity of the insurgents seems to be centered for the present in the province of Matanzas. A good deal of damage is being done, and it is probable, also, that the movement has a strategic purpose to divert the Spanish forces from Gomez in Havana and Maceo in Pinar del Rio. The village of Camarico, in the extreme northern portion of Matanzas province, was attacked yesterday and the stores were plundered. Five soldiers were taken prisoners, but were afterwards set at liberty by the insurgents.

An effective stroke was also made yesterday by the burning of the water works of the city of Matanzas, which has had the effect of increasing the hardships to residents of that city, who are pretty effectively cut off from communication with the country around, upon which they depend for supplies.

The bands of Garcia, Regino and Alfonso are reported to be moving in the neighborhood of Guira Maucurjes. There is a report that they have been repelled with some loss by the garrison of Fort Flora.

The mayor of the town of San Nicolas is to be court martialed for having advised the garrison of the town, consisting of fifty volunteers, to surrender to Gomez in order to save the town from being burned.

For some time past reports have been in circulation here concerning the physical condition of General Maximino Gomez, commander-in-chief of the insurgent forces. One story has been asserted that he was suffering from wounds, and another that he was seriously ill with fever. It appears, from information derived from trustworthy sources, that neither of these reports is correct, but it is positively asserted that the insurgent chief is a very sick man. It is stated upon the authority cited that the doctors in attendance upon General Gomez recently held a consultation and diagnosed his case as being an advanced state of consumption, complicated with fever. It is further stated that the physicians have come to the conclusion that Gomez can live only about two months longer.

General Harrison Leaves Washington.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The supreme court room was the center of attraction at the Capitol yesterday. The news that ex-President Harrison would appear drew thousands through the mud and rain to the Capitol, and for two hours before noon the halls were thronged and the doors besieged, but few gained admission. It was General Harrison's first public appearance in Washington since he left the White House three years ago. Ex-Chief Justice Rhodes made the first argument, and then General Harrison spoke for an hour. There was a great array of legal talent on both sides of the case, which involves the validity of a California irrigation act. The ex-president left for Indianapolis last night.

Fighting the Steel Trust.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Attorney General Moloney has begun quo warranto proceedings, under the anti-trust law, in the circuit court, against the Illinois Steel company, on the ground that in consolidating with the Joliet Steel company it overreached its corporate power. The Illinois Steel company was incorporated in 1880, with a capital stock of \$25,000,000, which has since been increased to \$50,000,000. It has extensive plants in Chicago, South Chicago, Joliet, Ill., and Milwaukee, Wis.

Judge Robinson's Successor.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 25.—Governor Lowndes has appointed Judge James McSherry, of the Sixth circuit, to succeed the late Judge Robinson as chief judge of the Maryland court of appeals. Judge McSherry has six years to serve. Judge Bryan, of the Sixth circuit, is the senior judge, but was not appointed because of the fact that he is two years over sixty.

Terminated by Boers.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 25.—Three unnamed Englishmen from the Rand, who have arrived at Vryburg, report that they have been fired on by the Boers, arrested and imprisoned at Zwerst and subjected to the greatest indignities, and kept in tor of their lives until released by the landrost.



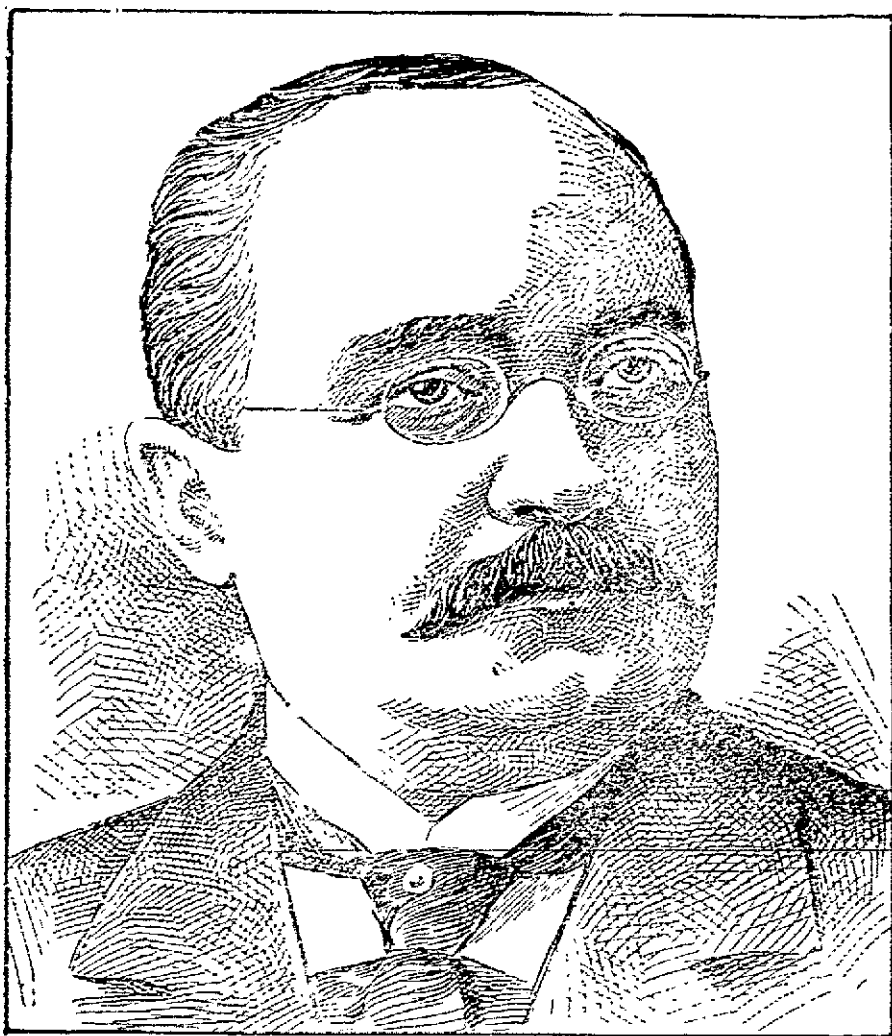
Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness, without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, then laxatives or other remedies are not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, then one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

MANAGER CHICAGO JOURNAL

Col. F. C. Pierce Was Made a Well Man by Paine's Celery Compound



At the door of every newspaper office might be posted the general order—Rush!

The busiest concerns in the busiest streets are sluggards compared with these reawakening hives where human fingers and brains are matched to keep up with machinery.

The brunt of this fatiguing mental strain unavoidable in getting out one of the big city dailies, for example, Chicago Evening Journal, falls on its business manager—in the case of this oldest daily in Illinois, Colonel Frederick C. Pierce.

Colonel Pierce is one of the busiest men in Chicago, a city of early and late workers. Brain workers in every profession will thank Colonel Pierce for the following statement recently made by him:

"For several years I have been troubled with sick headache, caused by constipation; otherwise I have always been in perfect health, and never sick but for two weeks in my life. This sick headache has been

very annoying. I have taken a number of different medicines which have been used and recommended by others, but not until I took Paine's celery compound did I find any relief.

"This season I took one bottle and was not troubled with headache for at least six months. Since that time I have kept the medicine in the office and used it occasionally, and have not been troubled with headache since.

"I have recommended it to a number of my friends, who have been benefited as I have. For a person who is disposed to constipation, it is unquestionably one of the best medicines that there is on the market to-day."

Yours respectfully,
"F. C. PIERCE,
Business Manager Chicago Evening Journal."

A black cloud is no surer indication of an approaching storm than persistent headaches are of dangerous debility.

There is no one specific that can

permanently cure headaches unless it goes to the seat of the trouble. That great nerve and brain restorer, Paine's celery compound, does get rid of them and leaves no chances for their return, because the deep-seated cause—the weakened nervous system at last is supplied with the food it has so sadly felt the need of.

The physicians in every city in this country prescribe Paine's celery compound, where a rapid building up of the system is imperative. As an invigorator in cases of nervous exhaustion, sleeplessness and a poor state of the blood it is the mainstay of the ablest practitioners throughout the United States.

A mere glance at the faces of weak, nervous, run down persons after they have begun to use this greatest of remedies, shows how rapid is the nourishing effect of Paine's celery compound.

There are thousands upon thousands well to-day because they used Paine's celery compound.

Electric Bitters

Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed, when the languid exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often averted long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the malarial poison. Headache, indigestion, constipation, dizziness yield to Electric Bitters. 50c. and \$1.00 per bottle at McMonagle & Rogers Drug Store.

"I have used Hood's Pills and have found them very satisfactory."

—CETTA SCHUTT, Meadowbrook, N. Y.

A Note From the Editor.

The editor of a leading paper writes: "If you had seen my wife last June and were to see her to-day you would not believe she was the same woman. Then she was broken down by nervous debility and suffered terribly from constipation and sick headache. Bacon's Celery Compound for the nerves made her a well woman in one month." John J. Chambers will give you a free sample package of this great herbal remedy.

Marvelous Results.

From a letter written by Rev. J. G. Underman, of Diamondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist Church at Rives Junction she was taken down with pneumonia, succeeding la grippe. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last hours with little interruption, and it seemed as if she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery; it was quick in its work and highly satisfactory in results." Trial bottles free at McMonagle and Rogers' Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

A Famous German Doctor's Work.

Consumption is now known to be curable if taken in time—the German remedy known as Otto's Cure, having been found to be an almost certain cure for the disease. Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup, Coughs, Colds, Pneumonia, and all throat and lung diseases are quickly cured by Dr. Otto's Great German Remedy. Sample bottles of Otto's Cure are being given away by our agent, J. J. Chambers, 57 North St. near Post Office.

PUBLIC VOICE.

Remove the Orchard Street School House—A Nuisance and a Disgrace to the City.

Editors Argus:—Among the blemishes on our fair city's face, there is none more prominent and disfiguring than the old Orchard Street school house. It has outlived its usefulness many years, and only the much enduring good nature of our citizens permits it to remain as an eyesore to its neighbors, and a "thorn in the flesh" to every one of our people, who show the town to strangers.

Only a day or two ago, a friend who had visited us last summer, and who was with us again, was invited to go out to drive. As we started off he saw the old school house, and said "What, is that old tumble down building there yet? That is a disgrace to the town."

I could only be humiliated, and had to plead guilty of being one of those who had seen it so many times that they had become hardened to the sight, and were waiting for the time when it would fall down itself.

To strangers within our gates such a sight is more of a shock than we realize. This building is a nuisance, and in summer is a menace to the health of residents near it. It would not be tolerated if owned by a private citizen.

The time has come for its complete removal. The Water Commissioners could have their effects moved to a better place more conveniently now than after the spring work opens. There is no good reason why we should have to endure the sight of this building, or the stench that comes from it another summer. It should be completely removed and the lot put in good condition before hot weather comes.

Let every citizen who wants to improve our city use his influence to help in this matter.

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Piles! Piles! Itching Piles.

SYMPTOMS: Moisture; intense itching and stinging; most at night; worse by scratching. If allowed to continue tumors form, which often bleed and ulcerate, becoming very sore. Swayne's Ointment stops the itching and bleeding, heals ulceration, and in most cases removes the tumors. At druggists, or by mail for 50 cents. Dr. Swayne & Son, Philadelphia.

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The B. and O.'s New President.
BALTIMORE, Jan. 25.—Hon. John K. Cowen, general counsel of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company and representative in congress from the Fourth Maryland district, was yesterday elected president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company to succeed Charles F. Mayer, who resigned in November. Mr. Cowen will resign from congress, but not immediately. He will also retire from active participation in politics. It is understood that Mr. Cowen's salary will be \$10,000 per annum. A New York syndicate is to put \$5,000,000 in the road, of which \$1,500,000 is to be put up at once for the purpose of meeting current needs.

Cornell's Oar-women.
ITHACA, N. Y., Jan. 25.—The Cornell lady students do not mean to abandon their hopes to establish a crew here, even though the athletic council has refused to take official cognizance of the project. At Sage college a reporter of the Associated Press was told that steps were in progress to have a crew regardless of the council's action. Miss A. Kellor, who is one of the most prominent workers for the women's eight, has just received a long letter from Lucile Eaton Hill, director of physical training at Wellesley college, Massachusetts, in which Miss Hill strongly indorses the movement.

Ambassador Bayard's Famous Speech.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Little doubt is left by the meeting of a special committee of the foreign affairs committee, which met yesterday, that a resolution will be brought before the house next week expressing disapproval of Ambassador Bayard's two speeches which were called to the attention of the house by Messrs. McCall and Barrett, of Massachusetts. The resolution will denounce the ambassador's remarks at Edinburgh upon the effect of the protective system on political morality in the United States, and his assertion at Boston, England, that the Americans were often a violent people who needed a strong man to govern them.

Delaware Senatorship.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The senate committee on privileges and elections discussed the Dupont case yesterday for an hour and a half, but reached no conclusion. No effort was made to take a vote. The committee adjourned to meet early next week at the call of the chairman, at which meeting it is expected positive action will be taken and a report made to the senate. The discussion yesterday indicated that a report favoring the admission of Mr. Dupont and the filling of the vacancy in Delaware's representation in the United States senate will be ordered.

Dr. Jameson's Troopers Homeward Bound.
DUBLIN, Natal, Jan. 25.—The English troops who were members of Dr. Jameson's expedition have embarked for England on board the steamer Harlech Castle, while the colonial troops who were taken prisoner at the same time go on board the Roslin Castle.

A Curious Suit Over a Hog.
LEBANON, Pa., Jan. 25.—Milton H. Reiter has brought suit against Jacob N. Mease, in the court of common pleas of this county, to recover \$10,000 for damages which he alleges he sustained by injury to his health in eating the meat of a hog which he bought of the defendant.

Opposing a Bimetallite Congress.
BERLIN, Jan. 25.—The National Zeitung understands that the bimetallite refused to approve the resolution passed by the reichstag last February proposing an international conference on the use of both gold and silver in the coinage.

Airy Nothingness.
Mrs. Gossipy—I think young Mr. Chatter is a delightful conversationalist.
Mr. Gossipy—Well, yes. He succeeds pretty well for a man who never has anything to say.—Truth.

The Parrot Did It.
"Why did you break off your engagement with Miss Bonitha?"
"Because her parrot was always saying, 'Stop that, George!'"
"But what difference did that make?"
"Your engagement was not a secret."
"But my name is not George!"—Ellegende Blatter.

Life Is Short.
Citticus—I wonder how it is that so few women stutter when they talk.
Witticus—They haven't time.—Tammanny Times.

Your Liver

Is out of order if you have bitter taste, offensive breath, sick headache, slight fever, weight or fullness in the stomach, the liver, cure biliousness, restore proper digestion, expel accumulated impurities, cure constipation. 25 cents. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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If suffering with piles, it will interest you to know that DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve will cure them. This medicine is a specific for all complaints of this character, and if instructions (which are simple) are carried out, a cure will result. We have tested this in numerous cases and always with like results. It never fails.

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MOFFAT'S PILLS,

Act on the stomach, bowels, liver and kidneys, purify and regulate the whole system. If you feel sick, bad taste in the mouth, coated tongue, dizziness, bilious or sick headache, four stomach and liver are out of order, correct these at once by using Moffat's Pills. They are a positive cure for Malaria, Biliousness, Torpid Liver, Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Constipation, Impure Blood, Chills and Fever, and all other diseases arising from a disordered condition of the stomach and liver. They do not reduce the system but invigorate it.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY UNITED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—Fair to night and Sunday; colder, southerly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the reading of the thermometer at Frank's drug store, to-day:
7 A. M., 36°; 12 M., 40°; 3 P. M., 43°.

OPEN EVENINGS.

THE BUSINESS OFFICE OF THE "ARGUS" IS OPEN EVENINGS FROM SEVEN UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK.

AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION.

Jan. 27.—Field's Minstrels, at Casino.
Feb. 3.—Soto Squares, Japanese wonder for the Y. M. C. A.
Feb. 4.—Annual ball of St. Mary's Lodge, at Casino.
Feb. 5.—of St. Mary's of America, at Casino.
Feb. 17.—23 annual ball McQuoid Engine Co., at Casino.
Feb. 18.—Masque and ball of Panglosses, at Casino.
Feb. 19.—Annual party of Lincolnton, at Casino.
Feb. 20.—Annual party of Lincolnton, at Casino.
Feb. 21.—Miss Carrie Louise Ray, for the Y. M. C. A.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Free to kidney sufferers.
Liberty bicycles for sale by B. F. Gordon.
Office desk for sale by Sanford & Horton.
Chloroform for sale at C. P. Velle's.
Eggs for sale at C. N. Fredmore's.
Wash fabrics, for spring, at J. D. Horton's.
Black and white bed room suit for sale cheap.
Laces given away at C. P. Velle's.
Fresh oysters at 115 North street.
Three pounds meat for sale at Koen's market, Sunday.
Universalist services, in Nearing Hall, Sunday.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—The Erie pay car arrived in town, to-day.
—Field's minstrels at the Casino, next Monday evening.
—Additional local matter will be found on second and third pages.
—The drawing for a gold watch will take place at Mills' cigar store, to-night.
—The Walkhill hat shops shut down, last night, until Monday or Tuesday morning.
—Diphtheria has again broken out at Cook's Falls. There are cases in two families.
—The Walton novelty works was slightly damaged by fire, Sunday night.
—Al. G. Field's minstrels are the most popular company that visits a one night stand. Don't fail to see them at the Casino, Monday evening.
—F. S. Stevens, of this city, is announced to give a stereopticon lecture in the Liberty Baptist Church, Feb. 6th.
—A Magnificent and Nuno Dimittis, composed by Mr. Harvey Lewis Wickham, will be sung at Grace Church, to-morrow.
—The Ontario and Western is storing a large quantity of fine ice in its large houses at Brown pond, between Fallsburgh and Hurleyville.
—What's in a name? Christmas Eve was the maiden name of a Paterson woman, who recently married a second husband without waiting for the first one to die or getting rid of him by due process of law.
—Typhoid fever is very prevalent in Elmira. Forty cases have been reported in twenty days. The board of health has warned citizens to boil all water before using. The State Health Board has been asked to assist in dealing with the emergency.
—Manager Corey, of the Casino, and Al. G. Field, of Field's Minstrels, who will appear in this city, Monday evening, have been personal friends for years. Manager Corey met Mr. Field in New Orleans eight years ago, since which time Middletown has become one of the regular one night stands on Manager Field's circuit.

PERSONAL.

—Messrs. Harry C. and Chaucer Horton, who have been spending the past three months in Europe, are expected to arrive on the Cunarder Campania.
—Rev. Alfred F. Booth, who will preach for the Universalists for the next four Sundays, is staying with Mrs. K. Buck, 57 Hanford street. He will be pleased to have any one interested in Universalism call upon him at any time.

A Gift to Rector Lynn.

Rev. David Evans was, to-day, presented with the last edition of the Century Dictionary, by a few of his friends. The fund for the purchase of the volumes was raised by Mr. Vanamee and the contributors were Messrs. Vanamee, Macardell, Carson Rogers and H. W. Wiggins.

Entertained the Young Married Couples.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert O. Ogden, of near this city, entertained the Young Married Couples' Whist Club, last evening. The party drove out in large, covered, side seated wagons.

Read Ayer's Almanac, which your druggist will gladly hand you, and note the wonderful cures of rheumatism, catarrh, scrofula, dyspepsia, eczema, debility, humors and sores, by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the only Sarsaparilla admitted at the World's Fair.

SUICIDE OF SAM VANTON.

A Former Orange County Lawyer Shoots Himself in His Office in Frankfort, Ind.—Last Seen Alive a Week Ago—His Description by His Bride After a Two Months' Honeymoon Supposed to Be the Cause—Sketch of the Deceased.

Special to the DAILY ARGUS.

FRANKFORT, Ind., Jan. 25.—Sam Vanton, an attorney, was found dead last evening, in his office. A bullet hole in the temple, and a revolver lying on the floor, told that the wound had been self-inflicted.

The lawyer's decision to die is supposed to be the result of an unhappy marriage. Last July, Vanton, who had been a widower for many years, married Mrs. Frankie A. Meeker, a wealthy society woman of Quincy, Ill., and two months later his wife deserted him, returning to her old home. Later she filed a suit against her husband, claiming that he had misappropriated \$1,500 of her funds. The suit was finally dismissed, but the loss of his bride weighed very heavily on Vanton's mind and he frequently talked to his friends of his trouble.

Saturday he was last seen alive; on that day he called at the First National Bank and, in a conversation with Cashier Sidwell, incidentally remarked that living alone as he was and having no family, it was his desire that Mr. Sidwell or A. A. Laird should settle up his business, in case anything should happen to him.

He also called upon Mr. Laird and expressed the same wish, but being of a very eccentric character, his friends thought little of his actions until Friday, when it occurred to them that they had seen nothing of the attorney during the week. Going to his office they found the door locked. A policeman was summoned and breaking in the door, found the body. In the dead man's hands was a brief note naming where his funeral garb and clean linen could be found.

Mr. Vanton was about 55 years of age and came here in 1875 from Middletown, N. Y. It was not known that he had any children living until Saturday, when he told Cashier Sidwell that he had a son living in Middletown and it was his desire that the son should have his property.

Vanton while a fiery educated man and able lawyer had many peculiarities. With the exception of his two months' honeymoon he has many years done his own cooking and lived in his office. A new dirk on his desk indicated that his intention was originally to cut his throat, but the fact that Charles H. Anderson tried this route and failed, a week ago, is thought to have caused him to select a revolver.

Sam Vanton was born near Hugot, in the town of Deerpark. His name was originally Van Iwengen, but he had it changed to Vanton by act of the Legislature. He studied law and had an office at Otisville for a number of years. The field was not a large one, and he never secured much business beyond justice court cases and the drawing of contracts and legal papers for residents of the neighborhood. He went west about twenty years ago, settling in Frankfort, Ind., where he remained up to the day of his death.

Fred Vanton, clerk in J. E. Mills drug store, is a son of the deceased. He received a dispatch last night, announcing his father's death, and started at once for Frankfort.

FIRE AT DECKERTOWN.

Olyphant's Silk Mill Entirely Destroyed.—Fire broke out in the silk ribbon factory of Wm. Olyphant at Deckertown, about 6 o'clock, last night, and spread so rapidly that the entire building was soon enveloped in flames, and with all its contents was entirely destroyed. We have not learned the amount of the loss or insurance, but it is understood the property was protected.

It lacks but three days of one year since a similar misfortune befell Mr. Olyphant's factory at Unionville.

FAILED TO PASS.

Middletown Candidates for the New York Police Force Rejected Because of Physical Defects.

Two Middletown men, who are anxious to secure places on the New York police force went to New York, Friday, and took the physical examination. They were both rejected, not being up to the standard of perfect health required. One of the applicants, who was rejected on account of varicose veins, was advised to undergo treatment and try the examination again. A Port Jervis candidate passed the physical tests and will take the civil service examination as to his mental qualifications next week.

The rigid nature of the physical examination may be learned from the fact that out of 125 candidates examined only 111 passed.

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If you would resist pneumonia, bronchitis, typhoid fever, and persistent coughs and colds. These ills attack the weak and run down system. They can find no foothold where the blood is kept pure, rich and full of vitality, the appetite good and digestion vigorous, with Hood's Sarsaparilla, the one true blood purifier.

Hood's Pills cure liver ills, constipation, biliousness, jaundice, sick headache.

HORSEMEN ANXIOUS FOR SLEIGHING.

Many Untried Horses the Owners of Which Want to Test Their Speed—Some of the "Fast Uns."

A more disgusted lot of sportsmen than the Middletown horsemen would be hard to find. There are a number of untried dark horses in town and their owners have been waiting impatiently for a snow fall in order to test their speed on Middletown's winter track, the upper end of Highland avenue.

The excellent sleighing which prevailed all of last winter afforded splendid sport and those owners whose horses just failed of being "a little bit the best" have purchased new animals, and are anxious to try them. The lack of sleighing, therefore, causes no little grumbling and disappointment.

Among the new horses is a gray plying mare, of unknown pedigree, owned by Mr. W. S. Roe, and said by the knowing ones to be very fast.

Mr. Geo. A. Swayze has a gray gelding in which he has great faith, and Mr. Ed Tompkins has a gray mare, untried, which it is claimed will give the other grays a stiff brush. The latter gentleman also owns a very fast colt. Both of his horses are being handled by trainer Fogg of the Campbell Stock farm.

Mr. B. B. Williams visited Jersey City, one day this week, and returned with a handsome sorrel. "Ben" isn't saying much, but when the conversation turns on horse flesh, he "sinks the other eye."

Messrs. Wood & Baldwin have a four-year-old St. Gothard mare, which can go better than a forty-gait, and is constantly improving.

Dr. Robinson had a fast brown horse, last winter, but he was not quite up to the mark, so he traded him for a bay horse and promises to give all the others a run for their money.

Charles V. Predmore will make some of 'em hustle with a fine bay colt which has shown itself to be very speedy.

Of the others, "Bob" Lemon is still in the ring with Nora L., and Will Sayer pins his faith to "Billy Brooks. John Farrell still retains his fast one which he recently raffled, having given Sohn Brothers a hundred dollar bill for their winning ticket.

With all these fast ones in the field it is small wonder that a snowfall is ardently desired.

HYMENEAL.

Barnum-Fitzsimmons.

Mr. Charles Barnum, editor of the Monticello Watchman, was married, Wednesday, to Miss Mary A. Fitzsimmons, of Bridgeville. The ceremony was performed at St. Peter's rectory in Monticello by Father McLaughlin. The Argus joins with Mr. Barnum's hosts of friends in congratulations and best wishes.

GOSHEN BOWLERS WIN.

The Monticello Team Defeated at Goshen Last Night—The Deciding Games to Be Played on the Armory Alleys To-night.

From Our Goshen Correspondent.

Goshen bowlers are jubilant to day over the result of last night's games with the Monticello team, from the wilds of Sullivan county. The report that this Monticello team was the best bowling team on earth was practically tested and proved to be a base fabrication. The scores are:

MONTICELLO.		GOSHEN.	
Decker,	131 138	Landy, C,	159 147
Taylor,	147 108	Altman,	164 143
Burns,	99 102	Drake,	154 165
Pelton,	169 169	Howell,	146 168
Scriber,	141 159	Goodale,	132 142
	637 679		755 765

The Monticello team, with the exception of Burns, were in good form. Burns bowled poorly and took the matter much to heart.

The result of these games makes honors even, and the deciding game of the match will be bowled at Middletown to-night. The Monticellos are no mean antagonists and much interest centres on the result of the match.

The A B C of It.

A Kidney education starts with: Backache means kidney ache; lame back means lame kidneys; weak back means weak kidneys; cure means Doan's Kidney Pills. Read about the free distribution on another page of this paper and call at J. Erskine Mills's, Druggist and Pharmacist, 3 Empire Block, North street, Middletown, N. Y.

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INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN.

The Guild's Birthday Party Invitations—More Water in the Reservoir—A Young Man's Misadventure.

From Our Regular Correspondent

—The birthday party to be given by the ladies of St. James' Guild at the rectory, next Tuesday evening, is in honor of the fifth anniversary of the birth of the Guild. The invitations have been issued in form of a single-barreled poem, in serio-comic strains, from the pen of the talented poet laureate of the Goshen Social and Athletic Association.

—The rain storm of yesterday added considerable water to Goshen's reservoir.

—Judge Dickey will hold a special term of Supreme Court at Goshen, Monday.

—Nothing so jars against the conception of every man on earth as the thought of a chance meeting with a "kunk." When a young Goshen man went home the other night he found sitting on his piazza in the moonlight an animal which he describes as about the "bigness of a cat." Upon closer investigation, however, it proved not to be a cat. The young man has since been thoroughly disinfected and his Sunday clothes are planted in the garden. He is rather "sore" on the subject and says that anyone who gives him away shall be dealt with severely, mercilessly, summarily and forthwith.

—Assemblyman Bedell, of this village, has been appointed attorney for the New York and New Jersey Bridge Company.

The Blacksmiths' Harvest.

Blacksmiths were kept busy, yesterday, putting sharp shoes on horses and the rush has continued to-day, horses having been brought to some shops long before daylight. The roads and streets were so icy, this morning, that it was almost impossible for smoothly shod horses to keep their feet and some animals met with bad falls. Farmers who bring milk to the condenser and who did not get their horses shod, yesterday, found it no easy matter to get to town this morning.

Mr. E. H. Harriman's Plan for Forwarding Orange County's Horse Interests.

Several of Middletown's prominent citizens have been invited by Mr. E. H. Harriman to a dinner at the Tuxedo Club House, on the evening of Jan. 31st, when it is proposed to discuss plans for forwarding the horse interests of Orange county. Mr. Harriman is a most public spirited man and is anxious not only to promote the material interests of the horse breeders of Orange county, but also to give its citizens opportunities for enjoyment and recreation.

Must Pay for Water Rights.

James Bigelow, who owns a saw mill at New Foundland, N. J., has been awarded a verdict for \$1,908 against the East Jersey Water Company for the damage done his mill property by the storing of the water of the Pequannock in the company's reservoir. Mr. Bigelow asked for \$25,000. Many other suits are dependent upon the issues involved in this case.

Preparing for the Ladies' Reception.

A special meeting of all the members of the Y. M. C. A. will be held in their rooms, this evening at 8:30, to make final arrangements for the ladies' reception, next Tuesday evening. All members of the association are invited to be present at the reception.

For the Public Good.

In another part of this paper appears an advertisement worthy the reading as it's for the public good. It tells of a free distribution of Doan's Kidney Pills, a remedy for kidney ills. Read it and call at J. Erskine Mills's, Druggist and Pharmacist, 3 Empire Block, North street, Middletown, N. Y.

New Superintendent of Railway Mail Service.

Victor J. Bradley, of New York, formerly Assistant Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service was yesterday appointed superintendent in place of R. O. Jackson, resigned. Mr. Jackson was very popular with his subordinates, who will regret his resignation.

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Ladies' Hand Turned Dongola Kid Shoes "COUSINS" \$4 grade at \$2 a pair.

All \$2 Shoes at \$1.79 a pair

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Fine line ever shown by us. They are 'Just the thing,' so all say that have seen them, and now is the time to buy, make up and be all ready for spring. All lovers, let's and flouncings. This Sale is on Now.

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All bills against the C. E. Crawford Furniture Co., or any member of the firm, will be paid on presentation.

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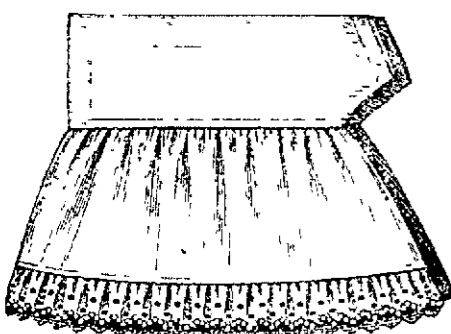
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Throat Lozenges—our own formula—for frog in the throat—tickling night cough—hoarseness, etc. 10 cents a box. McMonagle & Rogers, Drug gists.

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IN OLD VIRGINIA.

OBSERVATIONS BY CHESTER BELDING IN THE OLD DOMINION.

Winter Weather at Claremont—Getting Ready for Spring Work—Increase of Railroad Building and Manufactures—The Troublesome Election Laws—How Public Roads are Made—Convicts Earn Their Living—The Negro in the Ship Yards—Hopes for the Future of the Colored River.

CLAREMONT, Va., Jan. 28

Editors ARGUS:—We are now well along in what is our usual Virginia winter. December brought us three or four little flurries of snow, just enough to whiten the ground; then January came in quite cool, so much so that on the 5th the thermometer crawled down to 15° above zero, which has been the coldest thus far this winter. Some snowed a little at that time, which was from three to four inches thick. Since then, however, we have had it nice and dry with an even temperature ranging along the freezing point at night and something above during the day.

Wideawake farmers are busy getting their wood, drawing out manure, making fences and are generally getting ready for spring operations.

My son has a few thousand cabbage plants planted out in the open ground some two months ago. They look hopeful and are only waiting for warmer weather to start them into growth.

Virginia's legislative body, (House of Delegates and Senate), convenes only biennially and is now in session. It has a fixed time for adjournment, and therefore business is rushed along somewhat on the double quick. I notice that most of the bills considered are of minor importance or local matters; still there appears to be an increase of railroad bills and electric franchises, which denote increasing prosperity and financial investments in the Old Dominion. I also notice the Southern newspapers claim a great increase of manufacturing plants, rapid increase of population in many cities and towns and in short quite a general "sun do move" throughout most of Dixie land. One paper stated that there were over one million more cotton spindles now in operation than there was one year ago.

The most troublesome question that the legislative body has to contend with now is the election law. The old line Southern Democrat hates to give way so that the party cannot manipulate the elections to suit themselves, and thus the laws have been framed to that end. Now, that the fear of negro supremacy has lost its grip among the more intelligent class, the yoke made for the negro galls the makers' neck, and they desire to regain their own rights and liberty—hats to have a free ballot and fair count. This question entered into the canvass last fall and quite a strong minority are now pushing the matter to the front, and I judge that the time is not far distant when the question must be fairly met and settled right by the Democratic party, or it will become the G. O. P. (gone out of power) party of this State.

One custom some of these Southern States have adopted, I think is in advance of New York; that is the using of convict labor to make public roads, etc. This certainly must be better than idleness for the convict and also for the taxpayer, or the former in particular, as they are employed on country roads to a considerable extent, to macadamize, fill up hollows, etc. It might appear a little barbarous to Northern folk as they passed over a country road to come across a man seated beside the road with a Winchester rifle in hand and near by him a dozen or two men clothed in convicts' garb with ball and chain attachments; and another guard further on with Winchester in hand; yet it seems to my mind much more humane than to huddle them together in crowded, ill ventilated cells behind bars without exercise, and it might not make prison life quite so desirable to the law defier, and the but r roads would be some compensation to the land owner, on whom the greater portion of taxation falls.

The late award of two battleships by the government to the Newport News ship yard is thought to be quite a victory for it, as they had to compete with the old yards at the North. They now claim orders there for seven millions dollars worth of work ahead. We also understand that the negro is quite a factor in that ship yard plant. He has even become so proficient and so skilled as a workman that his labor is in demand to the exclusion of the pale face in many departments of the work, and the lower wages for which he will work and his no strike and no labor union propensities are desirable qualities for the employer, and thus they are sought after, and in my judgment the advancement and mechanical skill to which this race may yet attain is due to its infancy and must certainly increase as education and opportunities open to them.

About a quarter of mile in the rear of our home on a point of land jutting out toward the river and overlooking it is an industrial colored school. Its principal is an ordained Methodist preacher and college bred. They rely mostly on

Northern contributions to carry it forward and are, I think, doing a creditable work for the race and make a fair showing at examinations and commencement exercises. Apparently they are very strict and well regulated, as we hear the old plantation bell ringing frequently during the day for rising, meals and school purposes and its sound is borne across the river and is echoed back from the opposite shore. So to the thinking mind comes the thought that the instruction now being given to these students will spread out and be echoed and re-echoed from mind to mind and heart to heart, and whereas we now only see the first crop or first seed of religion, industry and education being sown, we may look forward to the maturer years and aftergrowth of this race hopefully, and expect a fruitage that will be far in advance of what we now behold in the negro of to-day.

CHESTER BELDING

THE FALL ELECTION SCHEME.

A Republican's Indignant Protest Against Its Secret Plottings Not Necessary When the Public Good is Sought.

Editors ARGUS:—I am a Republican, but I am also a lover of fair play, and I want to say that not only myself, but many other Republicans and some of them prominent in the party, commend the course of your paper in opposing the plot, which many of us believe with you was hatched by city officials to prolong their terms of office.

Even if the proposition to change our city elections to the time of the general election in the fall was a good one, and for the best interests of the city, the secret methods employed to secure the change should insure its defeat for the present at least, and the condemnation by all good citizens of all who had a part in the proceedings.

If it is such a good thing for our city, why should there be any secrecy about the movement? Why were not the rank and file of the Republican party taken into the confidence of its supposed leaders, the Mayor and aldermen; in fact why were not all the people, irrespective of party, permitted to know what was going on? Why was not the matter discussed and action taken in open session of the Common Council, instead of at secret meetings, from which even some of the members of that body were excluded?

I regret exceedingly that the editors of the Republican papers have not the manliness and independence to condemn what they know to be wrong, but on the contrary, attempt to justify the secret plot of the city officials and thus help to fasten upon the Republican party of this city responsibility for this most odious act of an already much discredited Republican city administration.

Turn the light upon this dark plot and let the people understand it thoroughly, and whether it fails or is carried through in defiance of public opinion, you will earn the gratitude of all who care more for the welfare of Middletown than for the emoluments and the petty honors of holding city offices.

REPUBLICAN.

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